

W. L. POLLARD, Attorney.

SUPREME COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, holding Probate Court. No. 17797, Administration. This is to give notice: That the subscriber, of the District of Columbia, has obtained from the Probate Court of the District of Columbia letters of administration on the estate of Annie T. Brown, late of the District of Columbia, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, legally authenticated, to the subscriber on or before the 20th day of February, A. D. 1912; otherwise, they may be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 20th day of February, 1911. SAMUEL BROWN, 1209 S street northwest. Attest: (Seal) JAMES TANNER, Register of Wills for the District of Columbia, Clerk of the Probate Court. WM. L. POLLARD, Attorney.

NEGROES MUST GO

Democratic Ultimatum to Colored Employers

THE NEGRO IN POLITICS.

W. C. Payne Scores the Over-Estimated Alleged Self-Constituted Leader—No Cringing Negroes Wanted.

Mr. Editor: With your permission for space, I shall endeavor to comply with the request of many of my acquaintances who constantly ask me to let the public know what I understand the National Independent political movement to mean, and what is the occasion of it.

Having advanced the thought for an independent Negro political organization ten years ago, while speaking to an assembly of Negro Democrats in this city, the account of which was published in the Times October 27, 1900, I followed the idea, and with a few others who agreed with it, we called a mass convention at St. Louis, Mo., in 1904, and effected the National Liberty Party. This convention was representative, and went so far as to nominate a Presidential ticket. For good reasons, this action was rescinded by the National Committee, mostly because they did not wish to add anything to the election of corporation Democrats, such as were the Parker and Davis ticket.

The Liberty Party Leagues came upon the scene again in 1908, in Ohio, when it opposed the election of the Republican State ticket with that of the President. The State ticket lost in Ohio that year, and the Negro Independent Political League, having been called to Columbus to effect a National independent movement, the Liberty Party Leagues met and fused with them, so that there would be one organization of the same character. Led by William Monroe Trotter, of Boston, Mass., the Negro Political League and the Liberty Party Leagues, headed by myself, formed what is now popularly known as the National Independent Political League.

The movement means that all really intelligent Negroes who are not purely selfish in the political sphere; Negroes who will not cringe and endorse any kind of government policies for the sake of grabbing a dollar or an office, are dissatisfied with the Repub-

can party does not maintain such policies of government under its control as will benefit the toiling masses, but rather it has built up a class whose enormous wealth is now shaking the foundations of the government which it has in its own hands. The class of Negro leaders of the past would not dare talk these things to their people for fear of offending some Republican statesman and losing a chance at a job, or a five-spot. And, then, what do these leaders do for their race when they do draw from a lucrative position? Do they promote organization or build up institutions? No, they look only after themselves.

It should be seen from what we have already said why the Independent League chooses to vote with the Democratic party. But, to be more explicit, I should say its members are nearly all agreed that no American party has any fixed determination to settle in a National way the status of Negro citizenship. The Republican Party has been pledging some solution of this vexed problem for 35 years, but has finally concluded to compromise on an exchange of Negro votes in the North for white Republican votes in the South. The Negro is no longer to be a factor of political consideration. That is all settled, if we Republicans can but have a white party in the South who will stand for class legislation to protect trusts and predatory wealth.

Now, why should the Negroes vote with the Republicans to kick themselves out of the party? Why should they vote against policies of government pledged to the welfare of the masses by the Democrats simply because it has been their custom in the past to vote with the Republicans? The National Independent Political League aims to lead the Negro into the light of true political independence. Is there anything wrong about that?



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LIBERIAN LOAN PREPARATIONS.

R. P. Falkner Returning from London, After Arrangements There.

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